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FOLLOWING REPEAT BELGRADE 5451 ACTION SECSTATE
INFO NAM COLLECTIVE JUL 25.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5451

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SUBJ: BELGRADE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE: TITO ADDRESS TO OPENING
SESSION

1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: PRESIDENT TITO OPENED THE BELGRADE
NONALIGNED CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS JULY 25,
REPEATEDLY STRESSING YUGOSLAVIA'S VIEW THAT THE NAM MUST
NOT BE TURNED INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF ONE GREAT POWER BLOC
AGAINST ANOTHER. IF AN UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED
BETWEEN YUGOSLAVS AND CUBANS TO AVOID PUBLIC POLEMICS OVER
CUBA'S ROLE IN AFRICA, AS WE ARE HEARING FROM SEVERAL
SOURCES, PRESIDENT TITO EVIDENTLY FELT NO INHIBITIONS IN
STATING YUGOSLAV POSITION IN JUST AS STRONG TERMS AS EVER.

2. TITO ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S POSITION ON AN ME
SETTLEMENT, PRAISED THE USGA SSOD, AND RECALLED YUGOSLAVIA'S
(AND HIS OWN) KEY ROLE IN NAM HISTORY. ALSO SPEAKING AS
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"REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES" WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ARGENTINA,
NORTH KOREA, MALTA, AND ANGOLA; THEY SAID NOTHING
UNEXPECTED. FIRST WORKING PLENARY OF THE CONFERENCE
CONVENES AT 4:00 PM JULY 25. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

3. TITO TACKLES PROBLEM OF BLOC INTERFERENCE IN NAM:
PRESIDENT TITO OPENED THE 1978 BELGRADE NAM FOREIGN

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE MORNING OF JULY 25 WITH A 15 MINUTE SPEECH IN WHICH HE SEVERAL TIMES RETURNED TO THE DANGERS FACING THE MOVEMENT FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, ESPECIALLY BLOC MANIPULATION. TITO STRESSED THAT THE NAM MUST STRUGGLE AGAINST "IMPERIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM, AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION... (INCLUDING) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HEGEMONY, AND AGAINST ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND DEPENDENCE." FOLLOWING THIS STANDARD, BALANCED FORMULATION, TITO TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF GREAT POWER BLOCS: "THIS ALL MAKES THE MOVEMENT OF NONALIGNMENT ANTI-BLOC IN ITS COMMITMENT. OUR MOVEMENT DOES NOT SEE THE WORLD'S FUTURE IN A BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN THE BLOCS, OR IN ONE BLOC PREVAILING OVER THE OTHER TO STAND SUPREME."

4. TITO CONTINUED "THE NAM MUST STAND AGAINST THE IMPOSITION BY OTHERS OF THEIR SOCIAL-POLITICAL SYSTEMS OR IDEOLOGIES," AGAIN: "NONALIGNMENT HAS TAKEN SHAPE AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO BLOC CONFRONTATIONS."

5. TACKLING THE SAME ISSUE FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION, TITO STERNLY WARNED THAT THE "NONALIGNED COUNTRIES CAN ALLOW NOBODY TO BRING INTO QUESTION THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MOVEMENT....SECTARIANISM IS ALIEN TO NONALIGNMENT. DIVISIONS BASED ON IDEOLOGICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER CRITERIA AND MOTIVES ARE IMPERMISSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF

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THE SLOGANS BEHIND WHICH THEY HIDE. VARIOUS PRESSURES ARE BEING STEPPED UP AGAINST THE UNITY OF THE NONALIGNED. WE ARE WITNESS TO ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH IN VITALLY IMPORTANT REGIONS OF THE NONALIGNED WORLD, ABOVE ALL IN AFRICA, NEW FORMS OF BLOC DEPENDENCE, FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND DOMINATION. WE MUST STAND UNITED IN RESISTING SUCH ATTEMPTS. (COMMENT: "SECTARIANISM" IN THIS CONTEXT CAN ONLY BE READ BY TITO'S AUDIENCE AS A REFERENCE TO CUBANS (AND SOVIETS) WHO ARGUE FROM THE TRADITIONAL LENINIST/STALINIST LITURGY "THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT WITH US ARE AGAINST US.")

6. PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL NAM PRINCIPLES: TITO RECALLED NAM HISTORIC SUCCESSES AND ASSERTED THESE WERE MADE POSSIBLE PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH IT WAS FOUNDED. "THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ORIGINALLY DEFINED THEIR PRINCIPLES AND GOALS IN A SITUATION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT THAN TODAY'S...WE CAN RIGHTLY STATE THAT CHANGES AND EVENTS IN WORLD SINCE...(THAT TIME) IN NO WAY CONTEST THESE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS...(THEY ARE) THE ONLY POSSIBLE BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION BY OUR

MOVEMENT." (NOTE: TITO'S SPEECH ITSELF HAS BEEN ENSHRINED AS A BELGRADE CONFERENCE DOCUMENT.)

7. ON CONFLICTS WITHIN THE NAM: TITO LECTURED THOSE NAM STATES WHO ARE QUARRELING AMONG THEMSELVES: "WITHIN NONALIGNED RANKS (THERE ARE) CONDUCT AND DISAGREEMENTS WHICH ARE GREATLY TO THE DETRIMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES, AS THEY ARE ALSO TO THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE...THERE MUST BE DEMOCRATIC APPRECIATION FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH AMONGST US, HOWEVER SERIOUS THESE MAY BE."

8. TITO ON THE MIDDLE EAST: "UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DANGEROUS AND GRAVE CRISIS, AS WELL AS CONTINUED ISRAELI AGGRESSION, IS STILL A CHALLENGE TO PEACE....WE MUST, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE, WORK WITH EVEN GREATER DETERMINATION FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT AS WOULD LEAD TO A WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, AND ENABLE THE PALESTINIANS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION AND TO THEIR OWN STATE."

9. SSOD PRAISED: ACCORDING TO TITO "THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DID NOT, NOR COULD IT, ADOPT SPECIFIC MEASURES TO STOP THE ARMS RACE, BUT THE ESSENCE AND LONG TERM VALIDITY OF WHAT IT DID ADOPT INDICATE THE UN'S CLEAR CUT COMMITMENT TO MAKE ITS POLITICAL PRESENCE FELT...IN A GENUINE PROCESS OF GENERAL DISARMAMENT." HOWEVER, TITO WARNED AGAINST "THE POLICY OF FORCE AND A CONTINUING AND TERRIFYING ARMS RACE....WE ARE ONCE AGAIN AT A DANGEROUS CROSSROADS OF EVENTS."

10. DETENTE IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS: TITO DESCRIBED DETENTE AS A "UNIVERSAL PROCESS" WHICH "MUST ENCOMPASS THE WHOLE WORLD...AND AT LEAST DIMINISH BUT NEVER REINFORCE BLOC DIVISIONS IN THE WORLD.... IN OUR VIEW, DETENTE REQUIRES THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES." TITO CONTINUED "I MUST ESPECIALLY SINGLE OUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS, WHO HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY....NONETHELESS, DETENTE IS NOT THEIR EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY."

11. REMARKS BY "REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES": FOLLOWING PRESIDENT TITO WERE SPEECHES FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF FOUR CONTINENTS REPRESENTED AT THE NAM MEETING: NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER HO DAM; ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGES; ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER MENDEZ; AND MALTESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KESAJ(SP?). NONE SAID ANYTHING REMARKABLE. THE NORTH KOREAN DELIVERED AN CONFIDENTIAL

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EIGHT MINUTE MESSAGE TO THE NAM FROM KIL-IL SUNG, WHICH PREDICTABLY FOCUSED ON THE INIQUITIES OF IMPERIALISM. HO DAM HOWEVER DID MENTION NAM OPPOSITION TO "DOMINATION FROM ANY QUARTER." NEITHER THE MALTESE NOR THE ARGENTINE HAD MUCH OF ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE TO SAY. THE ANGOLAN PAOLO GEORGES PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE VARIOUS STRUGGLES FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (INCLUDING THE YUGOSLAV PARTISANS), NOTED THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MOVEMENT, AND PROMISED THAT THE STATES AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF AFRICA FOR WHOM HE SPOKE WILL "FIGHT ON*"

12. THE FIRST WORKING MEETING OF THE NAM IN MINISTERIAL SESSION BEGINS WITH 4:00 PM PLENARY WITH YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER VRHOVEC IN THE CHAIR. THIS PLENARY WILL AFFIRM ALREADY AGREED UPON AGENDA, SELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS, AND COMPOSITION OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES. (SEPTTEL REPORTS THESE DECISIONS, ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING JULY 24 CONCLUSION OF WORK PREPARATIONS COMMITTEE.)
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